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Letter dated 5 October 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina condemning the forthcoming conduct of unilateral military activities, including the launching of missiles from the Malvinas Islands, which the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland plans to conduct between 8 and 19 October 2012 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 45, concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands.

(*Signed*) Mateo **Estrémé**
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I have the honour to write to you concerning an issue which seriously affects the situation of peace in the South Atlantic, which is once again altered by the forthcoming conduct of British military exercises, including the firing of missiles from the Malvinas Islands, scheduled to take place between 8 and 19 October 2012.

Following the military exercises conducted last July, the Argentine Government regrets and strongly denounces this new hostile attitude of the United Kingdom, which constitutes a persistent provocation that contributes to the consolidation and growth of its military presence in the South Atlantic, which has been the subject of unanimous repudiation by the countries of the region in many declarations by the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) and the recent South American and Arab Countries Summit.

The Government of Argentina finds these repeated British actions inadmissible; through demonstrations of force, they evidence the United Kingdom's disdain for the pronouncements of the international community aimed at putting an end, in a peaceful and definitive manner, to the sovereignty dispute between the two countries on the question of the Malvinas Islands.

The Argentine Government strongly supports your renewed good offices efforts, which are especially relevant in view of these British attitudes of overt hostility, and encourages you to continue your efforts in accordance with the mandate assigned to you by the General Assembly.

These repeated British military exercises in the South Atlantic underline the urgent and compelling need for the United Kingdom to assume its responsibilities as a Member of the United Nations and to agree to negotiation as a means of peacefully achieving a settlement of this controversy, thus acting in conformity with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions on the question of the Malvinas Islands.

Argentina once again reiterates its permanent and constant willingness to negotiate, in accordance with United Nations provisions, and requests that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Hector **Timerman**
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship